

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 9, 2017

Item Number: **053**

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)

Set a public hearing to be conducted in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Section 26.001, et seq., to consider a resolution authorizing a change in use of dedicated parkland to animal services use for operation of the Town Lake Animal Center (TLAC) at 1156 West Cesar Chavez, Austin, Texas, at Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park. (Suggested date and time: December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX.).

Lead Department	Office of Real Estate Services.
Fiscal Note	There is no anticipated fiscal impact.
For More Information	Lauraine Rizer, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-7078; Megan Herron, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-5649; Le Ann Shenefiel, (512) 978-0536.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	October 24, 2017-The Parks and Recreation Board approved on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca abstaining and Board Member Casias off the dais (Recommendation No. 20171024-004).

Additional Backup Information:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon findings that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to

the change in use of this land, and the project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the land.

On December 8, 2016, the City Council adopted the Lamar Beach Metro Park Master Plan. The planning process began in August 2015 and was completed in March 2016. Focus group meetings and three public workshops were conducted with numerous stakeholders, including Austin Independent School District (AISD), Austin High School, West Austin Youth Association (WAYA), Austin Pets Alive! (APA), YMCA, and Old West Austin Neighborhood to receive feedback. Through the master plan process a mutually agreed upon location for an animal services center was determined. The proposed location for the animal services center will result in a more efficient use of parkland. The approved master plan will serve as a guide for the future development of Lamar Beach to maximize its benefit for the general public and the organizations that rely on the park.

The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are November 12, 19 and 26, 2017.